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CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS

Report of the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 51/49 of 10 December 1996, the General Assembly, inter alia, registered its satisfaction with the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/254) on the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects and its three Protocols,[1] and called upon him, in his capacity as depositary, to inform it periodically of the status of the Convention and its Protocols.

2. Pursuant to that request, the Secretary-General submits herewith information on the status of the Convention and its Protocols as at 30 June 1997:

(a) The following 66 States were parties to the Convention and the three Protocols that entered into force in 1983: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Yugoslavia;

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(b) The following 6 States had consented to be bound by amended Protocol II,[2] amended by the Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention at a resumed session on 3 May 1996 at Vienna: Cambodia, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Japan and Philippines;

(c) The following 9 States had consented to be bound by Protocol IV,[2] adopted by the Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on 13 October 1995 at Geneva: Cambodia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Panama, Philippines and Sweden.

3. The Secretary-General also submits, in the annex to the present document, information on the action taken in the period under review, that is, from 1 June 1996 to 30 June 1997.

Notes

[1] The Convention, with its three Protocols, the Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments (Protocol I), the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II) and the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III), was opened for signature on 10 April 1981 and entered into force on 2 December 1983. The text of the Convention and its Protocols is reproduced in The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook, vol. 5, 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.IX.4), appendix VII, and in Status of Multilateral Arms Regulation and Disarmament Agreements, fourth edition, 1992, vol. 1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.IX.11). See also footnote 2 regarding the Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention, which adopted Protocol IV in October 1995 and amended Protocol II in May 1996.

[2] See the Final Document of the Review Conference (CCW/CONF.I/16, part I). The text is reproduced in Status of Multilateral Arms Regulation and Disarmament Agreements, fifth edition, 1996 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IX.3).

ANNEX

Action taken during the period from 1 June 1996 to 30 June 1997

A. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects and its three Protocols

State	Ratification, acceptance (A), approval (AA), accession (a) or succession (s)	Acceptance pursuant to article 4, paragraphs 3 and 4 Protocols		
		I	II	III
Cambodia	25 March 1997 (a)	X	X	X
Djibouti	29 July 1996 (a)	X	X	X
Panama	26 March 1997 (a)	X	X	X
Philippines	15 July 1996	X	X	X
Portugal	4 April 1997	X	X	X
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	30 December 1996 (s)	X	X	X

B. Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, as amended on 3 May 1996 (Amended Protocol II)

State	Acceptance
Cambodia	25 March 1997
Denmark	30 April 1997
Germany	2 May 1997
Ireland	27 March 1997
Japan	10 June 1997
Philippines	12 June 1997

C. Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV)

State	Acceptance
Cambodia	25 March 1997
Denmark	30 April 1997
Germany	27 June 1997
Ireland	27 March 1997
Japan	10 June 1997
Panama	26 March 1997
Philippines	12 June 1997
Sweden	15 January 1997